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SUBJECT: OPIUM CULTIVATION IN SOVIET PROJECT AREAS IN AFGHANISTAN

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1. WE ARE RATHER SKEPTICAL OF CHANCES THAT SOVIETS WILL PROVE FORTHCOMING TO U.S. EFFORT AT ANY LEVEL TO GET THEM TO INTERCEDE WITH AFGHANS ON POPPY PRODUCTION, BUT CONCUR WITH EMBASSY KABUL THAT HIGHEST-PROBABILITY PATH WOULD BE THROUGH A WASHINGTON CONTACT, NOW THAT U.N. DRUG COMMISSION MEETING IN GENEVA IS OVER FOR THIS YEAR. S/NM MAY WISH TO NOTE THAT SUBJECT HAS ALREADY BEEN BROACHED BY DEPOFF TO SOVEMEBASSY FIRST SECRETARY (NEA/INS: LANDE TO IVANOV, 10 NOVEMBER 1977).

2. PLEASE ADVISE IN THIS CHANNEL OF SOVIET EMBASSY RESPONSE TO DEPTOFF DEMARCHE, AS SOVIET ATTITUDE WILL AFFECT OUR RECOMMENDATION ON ANY NEXT STEP.
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